

LITTLE RISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th August 2025 at 6.30 p.m.
in Little Rissington Village Hall.

Members of the Council present were:

Cllr Cole (Chairman) (joined the meeting at item 35), Cllr Elkington (Vice Chairman) Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington, Cllr Wilks, Cllr Whittington. GCC Councillor - Daryl Corps. Parish Clerk - Maxi Freeman.

33. **Welcome and Apologies** Cllr Elkington welcomed Councillors, the public and members of the Village Hall Management Committee to the meeting in the absence of Cllr Cole.
34. **Declaration of interests.** None.
35. **Representations from the Public** One member of the public said they would like to address the meeting at item 38.
36. **Minutes** Councillors approved the minutes, which the chairman signed.
37. **Gloucestershire County Council**
 - a. Cllr Corps provided his **report**, highlighting: Local Government Reorganisation webinars for PCs and TCs. On 5th and 7th August at 12.00 and 17.00; a GCC questionnaire asking about residents priorities. Anyone can take part at this link:
<https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk/engagementhq.com/gloucestershire-county-council-local-government-reorganisation-survey?preview=true>
 - b. The next GCC meeting would be 10th September.
 - c. Cllr Corps had taken on three panel memberships: Gloucestershire Police and Crime Scrutiny Panel, Fire and rescue Scrutiny Committee and Gloucestershire County Planning Committee.
 - d. **Highways and VAS posts.** Cllr Corps had been in touch with the local Highways manager and Area manager to ask for support for Little Rissington and a response to repeated emails from the clerk, regarding – verbally agreed works
– subsidence on Rissington Road
– VAS posts .
 - c. At a recent meeting with road works Cllr Corps had requested that Highways provided signage to stop drivers skirting the closed road by using Pound Lane. Signage would state that it was a ‘no through road’ and for resident use only.
 - d. At a meeting with the Deputy Head of Police, Cllr Corps had discussed Community Speedwatch and funding may be made available. Police would respond by sending a letter to the offender for the first 2 offences and visiting on the third offence.

Councillors then discussed the issue of subsidence on Rissington Road, the need to act quickly and the impact that HGVs and PSVs have on the state of the road. There was a high risk of damage to vehicles, passengers and drivers, as well as to homes. Climate events were also contributing to the road deterioration. **Action: Cllr Corps to ensure GCC provides the PC with the technical report from the sensors in the road.** The report should be available shortly. Cllr Wilks proposed a TRO to reduce weights. **Action: Clerk to find out how residents can report overweight vehicles in Little Rissington and check the process for applying for a TRO.**

38. **Neighbourhood Watch group.** An increase in local burglaries had encouraged residents' interest in setting up a village Neighbourhood Watch group and an associated WhatsApp group. To increase membership, the group plans to leaflet all residents, to post window stickers in local homes, on the noticeboard and include details in the newsletter (done). Mr Webb requested a page on the PC website. Councillors agreed to provide and update the webpage. **Action: Clerk to set up page.** The meeting discussed signage on the road and agreed on locations entering and leaving the village

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(large yellow police signs) as well as on either end of Pound Lane (smaller NW signs). No PC funding was requested.

39. Planning

New applications for comment

[25/02088/PLP](#) Barn development, Mill Lane, Little Rissington. 5 x 4 bed detached dwellings. Councillors agreed that this development would be detrimental to the village and to the Cotswold Natural Landscape and decided to post comment of objection. **Action: Clerk to draft comments.**

[25/02170/FUL](#) New clubhouse, (revised version of 24/03869/FUL). Councillors agreed that this development was not an improvement on the previous application and that similar comments of objection should be posted. **Action: Clerk to draft comments.**

[25/01955/FUL](#) Holt Barn, ponds and farm gate. Deadline 7th August. Although councillors were in favour of increased biodiversity, the Council decided to object to this application on the grounds of increased risk of flooding, dangerous access point, lack of biodiversity data. **Action: Clerk to draft comments.**

40. Gate onto Sweetings corner from Corner House and registration of title to land

Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington reported that registration would take up to 18 months. He had also received plans which showed that Highways owns part of the land ~~and other part of the land is~~ *unregistered* owned by Hill Farm House. Councillors believed that the new gate onto the land had not been included in plans for works to the house. **Action: Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to check plans, and any evidence that the land and wall were gifted to the PC.**

41. Maintenance of beech at Sweetings Corner

Councillors noted that the tree was in poor condition and agreed to buy a watering bag from the options provided in the clerk's report at a cost of up to £25 +VAT. **Action: Clerk to arrange purchase.**

42. Allotments. Cllr Whittington reported on a recent meeting of the allotment holders. Tenants agreed to continue to allow bonfires on site (provided they complied with tenancy conditions), and that rabbits were not a serious problem. The meeting also agreed a location for a bench owned by the PC. Vacant plots were discussed. Councillors agreed to advertise the vacancies more widely and to arrange for the strimming contractor to mow the three vacant lots and to consider ways to manage weeds so that plots were in reasonable order for future tenants. Allotment holders were concerned about large fruit trees on site overhanging the path. The tenant contract states that tenants must not obstruct the allotment paths. **Action: Allotment Officer to identify owner of plots with overhanging trees.**

43. Riparian owner letter. Councillors agreed that a letter to riparian owners would not be effective.

44. Winter preparations. Councillors reviewed the information requested by GCC. The village has no snowplough operator or snow warden. No additional grit bins were required. **Action: Cllr Elkington to check that all grit bins are in place.** Councillors were concerned that GCC had not carried out gully cleaning. The strimming contractor had agreed to clear out excess vegetation from a ditch which GCC had agreed to clear but a digger was needed. **Action: Clerk to contact GCC.**

45. Defibrillator training. A member of the public who is a qualified cardiac nurse offered to provide free training in using the defibrillator and on CPR. The focus would be on making a plan so that everyone knew what to do if a cardiac event was suspected. September 15th was proposed, with further dates if required. Interested residents should contact Lisie Chickering via WhatsApp. Younger residents would be especially welcome.

Councillors agreed to support the event with a fund of up to £400 for hiring training equipment, and to provide a webpage on the PC website with links to the training materials and other information. **Action: Clerk to set up page.**

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46. Village hall

- a. **New car park fence** Action: Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to get a second quote for a lower replacement fence which used the existing posts.
- b. **Painting** damaged walls and ceilings. The VHMC had chosen a painter who would start on 11th August and take 3 days to repaint the new plaster as well as repairing a small damp patch.
- c. **Survey.** Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington reported that 2 quotes had been received for the survey of the village hall. The VHWP agreed to accept the lower priced quote, which included a Planned Preventative Maintenance Report. Councillors recommended a drone survey of the roof and that the structure above the false ceiling should be checked. A separate electrical survey was needed. Action: Cllr MacKenzie-Charrington to obtain quotes for this work.

47. Finance

- a. Councillors noted the bank balances.
- b. Councillors reviewed the reconciliation to 28th July and the chairman agreed to sign the document.

48. **Internal financial controls.** Cllr Wilks had completed the internal financial control forms for August and reported no issues.

49. **Payments.** Councillors approved the following payments:

PAYEE	DETAILS	INVOICE NO.	INVOICE TOTAL
Little Rissington Village Hall	Hall hire for August meeting		£24.00
Maxi Freeman	Clerk Administration June/July	See PATA payslips	£on request
HMRC	Employers tax	See PATA payslip	£117.00
Neighbourhood Watch Committee	Materials to publicise Neighbourhood Watch in the village		<£400

Councillors confirmed the following payments made between meetings:

Paul Jones	Strimming	14	£90.00
Bank	Bank charges		£6.12
Castle Water	DD		£5.00
Kendall & Davies	Solicitors account		£200.00
Paul Jones	Strimming	7	£120.00


Councillors noted the following receipt between meetings:

Bank	Bank interest		13.07
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The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday 10th November 2025

Chairman's Signature.....



Date: 10th November 2025

